

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a gateway for use between a home network and an external data network; and

an access point device for the home network;

said access point device comprising:

communication means for wireless data communication with at least one apparatus
included in the home network; and

interface means for user-interface related to said at least one apparatus, said interface
means including at least an IR receiver for remote control of the at least one apparatus
~~connected to said home network.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device is
connected to the gateway via a cable.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises
a visual status indicator.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a camera.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a microphone.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device comprises a FLASH memory card slot.

8. (Currently Amended) A device configured as an access point for use with a ~~first apparatus~~ that ~~comprises~~ a gateway for being used between a home network and an external data network, the device comprising:

communication means for wireless data communication with at least one apparatus included in the home network; and

interface means for a user-interface related to said at least one apparatus, said interface means including at least an IR receiver allowing remote control of the at least one ~~second~~ apparatus ~~connected to said home network~~.

9. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, wherein the device is connectable to the ~~first apparatus~~ gateway via a cable.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a visual status indicator.

12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a camera.

13. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a microphone.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, further comprising a FLASH memory card slot for digital still images.

15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8 further comprising a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the access point device further comprises a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

17. (Currently Amended) An access point device comprising:
a first port configured to provide wireless communication among a plurality of appliances of a local network, wherein at least one of said plurality of appliances includes a gateway between a

home network and an external data network and at least one other of said plurality of appliances is included in the home network;

a second port configured to provide an interface to the at least one other of said plurality of appliances; and

an IR receiver allowing remote control of the at least one other of said plurality of appliances, ~~wherein at least one of said plurality of appliances includes a gateway between a home network and an external data network.~~

18. (Currently amended) The access point device of claim 17, wherein said at least one other of said plurality of appliances includes a set-top box connectable to a monitor, said second port being connectable to said set-top box through a cable having a length configured to allow placement of said access point device substantially near said monitor.

19. (Previously Presented) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a camera configured to capture images, and provide said image to at least one of a monitor of said local network and an external network.

20. (Previously Presented) The access point device of claim 17, further comprising a lamp configured to indicate that an email message is waiting.

21. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device further comprises a housing, said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.

22. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the access point device and the gateway are located in separate housings.

23. (Original) The device of claim 8, further comprising a housing, said interface means and said communication means being located within said housing.

24. (Original) The access point device of claim 17, wherein the access point device comprises a housing, said housing including said first port and said second port.